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Security Information

PROFESSIONAL SELECTION PANEL

Minutes of the 6th Meeting

7 November 1952, Room 117, North Building, 10:00 A. M.

Present: Messrs. [REDACTED] Chairman

Messrs. Baird, OTR

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Exec. Secretary

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1. After discussion, the minutes of the 5th meeting on 30 October 1952 were approved as distributed.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] was unanimously elected permanent chairman of the Panel; Friday at 10:00 A.M. was selected as the regular meeting time of the Panel; it was agreed that the business of the Panel would be conducted informally, and with a minimum of parliamentary procedure; that the minutes would be kept brief and would record only positive actions but that insofar as practical a literal transcript of the discussion would be kept for reference; and, it was agreed that the status of the advisors would not be changed to that of voting members.

3. The paper dated 31 October 1952, which had gone forward for the consideration of the CIA Career Service Board, was reviewed in detail with particular reference to omission, from the final draft, of a proposal that the Panel should review controversies between operating Offices and administrative Offices concerning security or medical disapprovals. Since the paper had left the control of the Panel and, at the direction of the Chairman of the CIA Career Service Board, had already been distributed as part of the agenda of the Review Committee of the CIA Career Service Board, the Chairman ruled that the action of the Panel could not be reversed but that reconsideration could be obtained before either the Review Committee or the CIA Career Service Board itself. Mr. [REDACTED] asked that it be noted in the record that, had he had the opportunity, he would not have been able to concur, as representative of Mr. Amery, the acting D/I, in the paper as presented.

4. There was discussion of the criteria presently used by the Personnel Office, the Medical Office and the Inspection and Security Office, especially with respect to those factors which have heretofore been called "intangible". It was agreed that the Panel would examine these criteria with a view to defining them to the greatest extent possible and determining the extent to which such criteria might have real validity. It was agreed to drop the term "intangible" henceforth.

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5. It was agreed that the agenda of the next meeting would be devoted principally to further discussion of suitability criteria and that each member would bring to the Panel his specific views on this matter.

6. The Panel adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

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